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The mosquito and vector control agencies with jurisdiction in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta provide the following comments to the second draft of the Interim Plan:

Regarding the policy objectives in Section 85020:

(c) Restore the Delta ecosystem, including its fisheries and wildlife, as the heart of a health estuary and wetland ecosystem. It is recommended that the Interim Plan include the language in Policy 10 (P-10) of the Natural Resources section of the Delta Protection Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta, adopted February 25, 2010. P-10 states:

Ensure that design, construction, and management of any flooding program to provide seasonal wildlife and aquatic habitat on agricultural lands, duck club lands and additional seasonal and tidal wetlands, shall incorporate "best management practices" to minimize vectors including mosquito breeding opportunities, and shall be coordinated with the local vector control districts, (each of the four vector control districts in the Delta provides specific wetland/mosquito management criteria to landowners within their district.)

(h) Establish a new governance structure with the authority, responsibility, accountability, scientific support, and adequate and secure funding to achieve these objectives. The draft interim plan addresses cities and counties as forms of local government. In California, independent special districts are also forms of local government. It is recommended that independent special districts be recognized as local governments for the purposes of the interim plan.

(g) Reduce Risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta by effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses, and investments in flood protection. Most mosquito breeding locations in the Delta are a result of man-made aquatic features. Placing future man-made aquatic features away from planned developments, or placing planned developments away from man-made aquatic features will reduce the risk of mosquito infestations in high density human use areas, thus reducing the risk of mosquito-borne diseases being transmitted to humans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the second draft of the interim plan for the Delta.

Sincerely,

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